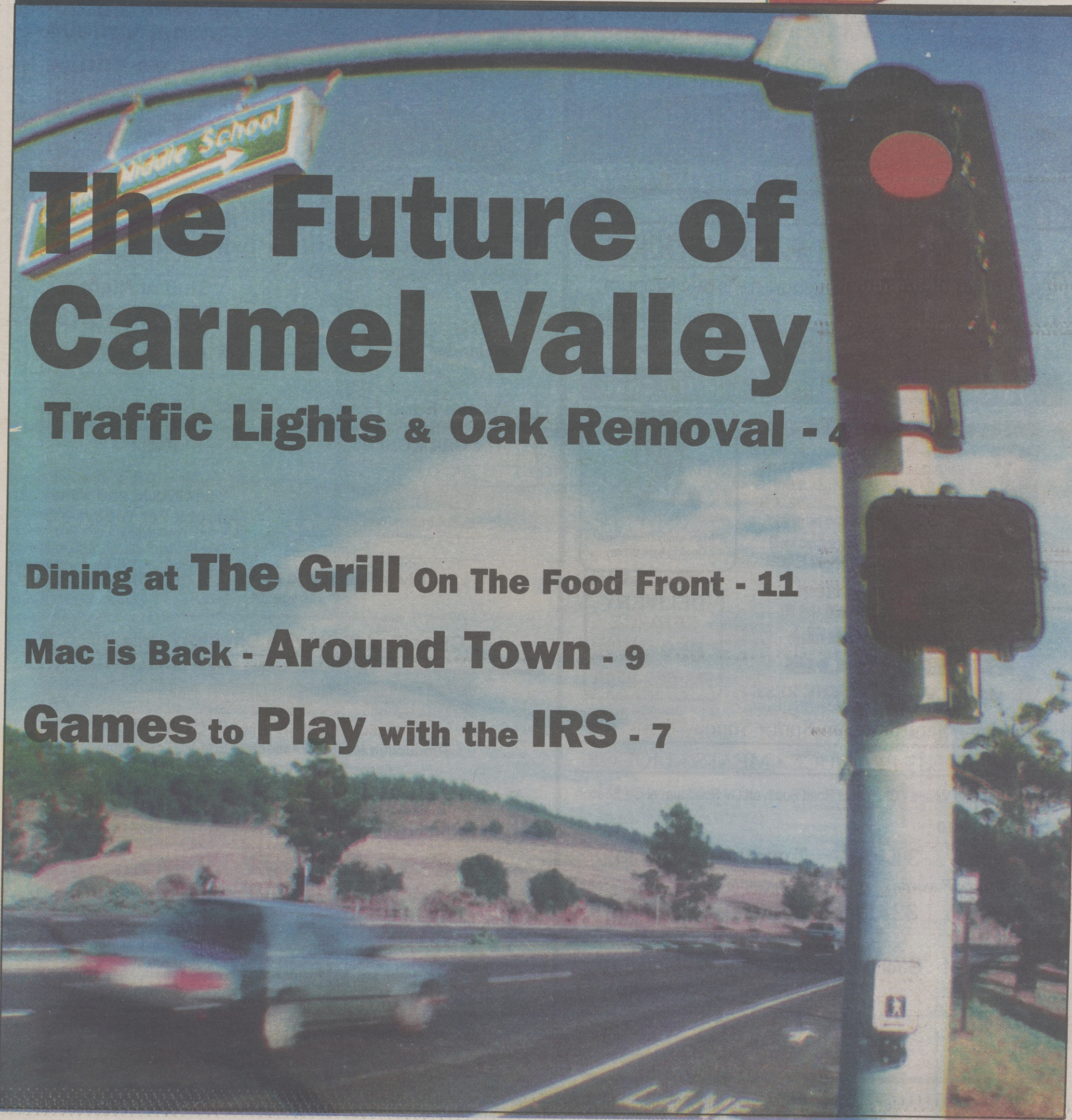


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Letters

From the Editor

Thank you to all of the alert readers who called to advise us of our misspelling/misuse of the word "succession" in last week's issue. In fact we were examining secession.

Not Welcome

Dear Editor,

Months ago I read a letter in the Monterey Herald entitled "Not Welcome in Carmel". Carmel Valley is even worse, and it is not much different for lower income residents that it is for "day trippers" in Carmel. Newcomers in Carmel Valley are not only unwelcome, but are routinely targets for criticism. Most new projects or businesses in Carmel Valley face unexpected obstacles from uncivil, unreasonable locals. California's population is expected to double in several decades. It is doubtful that Carmel Valley can be exempt from that, nor is it entitled to be.

Kelita Smith
Carmel Valley

Jesus and Buddha

Editor,

I stopped at a deli in Carmel Valley and had the great luck of having the first meal on my vacation be a wonderful bowl of white bean soup. The soup was so tasty I feared my sounds of pleasure would disturb the diners seated close to my table. It was a great beginning to a three-day getaway in the Carmel, Monterey area. I had a great time and returned home relaxed and refreshed. Of all the wonderful things I experienced in those three days, it was an article you wrote for the weekly "The Sun" that had the most impact on me. The article, Jesus & Buddha A Simple Correlation, was a welcome change to the divisiveness and emphasis on differences that seems to be overwhelming this society. It was way past refreshing to read your well thought out words. You are a marvelous writer with a real and wonderful message that we all need to take to heart. Though the "lure of the world" has too often been an influence in my life, your words have inspired me to keep a sharper eye in the direction of "freedom."

I thank you; I thank you; I thank you.
Larry Ballard

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Economic Outlook

The Inn at Spanish Bay will host the sixth annual Monterey County Economic Forecast & Strategy Conference presented by economic consultants Stephen A. Nukes and Associates. The

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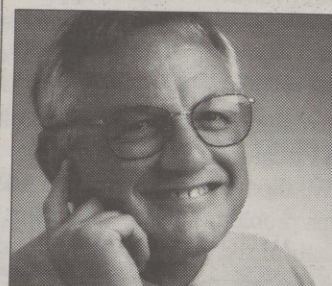
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The Future of Carmel Valley

By Elizabeth Cowley

According to the most recent CVPOA Poll, Valley Residents are willing to forsake a lot to maintain a rural feel but the county may have other plans.

"If the moneyed few keep paying off the right people, Carmel Valley will be no more desirable to live than L.A. or San Jose."

"If the Dam goes through, the supervisors will turn Carmel Valley into a mini San Jose."

"Can we unrape Carmel Valley? Can the village be kept small? Can we minimize the impact of growth in the County and the State?"

- Just a few of the responses to the question: What is your vision for the future of Carmel Valley? A question asked in a recent Carmel Valley Property Owners Association (CVPOA) poll or Carmel Valley residents.

Would you like to see a four-lane road through Carmel Valley Village? How about stoplights at every intersection? Do you have any attachment to the oak trees between Laureles Grade and the village? According to the poll, County plans for the rural village in Carmel Valley are at odds with what the inhabitants want yet signalization and tree cutting plans have already been approved.

Respondents said the top four short-term issues facing Carmel Valley are water, traffic, over development and the need for road improvements. Not surprisingly, these same issues were considered the top four long-term issues too.

That Rural Road

A major conflict between what valley residents want and what the county has planned is the character of Carmel Valley Road. Carmel Valley residents were loud and clear about the importance of maintaining the rural character of Carmel Valley Road. Sixty-three percent of respondents favored curtailing development (moratorium) and leaving the road as it is. Only 25% disagreed. Fifty-one

percent of respondents don't want any new stoplights on the road, 32% wouldn't mind and the rest had no opinion.

"The Carmel Valley Master Plan is ignored and not enforced," says CVPOA Vice President Ron Sherwin. The master plan called for a halt to development in Carmel Valley after a certain level of traffic service was reached (which occurred in the mid 1980's) until significant road projects were completed and the Hatton Canyon Freeway was built. Neither of these things has occurred yet several large projects have been approved including Carmel Valley Ranch, Rancho San Carlos, Quail Meadows and most recently, September Ranch.

Carmel Valley residents are opposed to traffic lights on Carmel Valley Road yet the Public Works Department Capital Improvement Program, approved last month by the Board of Supervisors, calls for a traffic light at Carmel Valley Road and Dorris Drive in the 1999-2000 fiscal year and a traffic light at Laureles Grade in Fiscal Year 2002-2003.

"We thought we had already addressed this problem," said Fran Farina, former chair of the Carmel Valley Road Improvement Committee (CVRIC). "The goal was to put less pavement down, to maintain the rural look of the valley but accommodate the needs of an increased population," said Farina. The CVRIC was appointed by the Board of Supervisors

and spent two years completing the Carmel Valley Road plan that was presented to the Supervisors in 1994. No fringe element document, Farina said the plan was endorsed by environmentalists and the attorneys of developers alike. "The most pressing problem is how to get on and off the road safely. For those of us on side streets, it's becoming a nightmare," says Farina. To avoid four-laning or traffic lights the plan calls for additional turn lanes, passing lanes and merge lanes to accommodate increased traffic. "Traffic lights are Public Works' answer to everything in the county, look at the number of lights on highway 68," said Farina. "The solutions Public Works is coming up with are unacceptable and contrary to the road improvement committee's recommendations that represented the local community. Why aren't we being heard?"

The county has proposed traffic lights at several other locations along Carmel Valley Road including Hacienda Carmel, Rancho San Carlos Road, Quail Lodge, DelFino Place, Valley Greens Drive, and more. The county isn't pro-traffic light just to spend money, rather because of liability issues. The county leaves itself open to lawsuits if it ignores potentially dangerous intersections and the intersections become more dangerous with each additional car on the road. Non-traffic light improvements on Carmel Valley

Road in the Public Works 1998-2004 Capital Improvement Plan include left turn channelization at Country Club Way, left turn channelization at Laurel and Panetta, a two-way left turn lane from Valley Greens Drive to Meadows Road, passing lanes on both sides of Carmel Valley Road from Canada Way to Brookdale Drive and removing the oak trees in the County right-of-way from Laureles Grade to the village.

The CVRIC report was silent on the Hatton Canyon issue but did recommend the construction of the Rio Road Extension, which has been on maps for years, to ease congestion at the mouth of the valley.

The Master Plan also calls for four-laning Carmel Valley Road to Robinson Canyon Road by mid-valley shopping center yet 60% of poll respondents want to leave the road two lanes. The favored road improvement, 80%, is to add additional designated turn lanes. CVPOA Director Pat Bernardi says four-laning will not solve any safety issues as the California Highway Patrol has confirmed the majority of fatal traffic accidents on Carmel Valley Road have occurred on the existing four-lane stretch.

Overall, the CVPOA poll indicates strong support in Carmel Valley for curtailing development to maintain a rural feel to the valley. Ninety-two percent of respondents agreed with the following statement: "Because of insufficient funding for road improvements and limited water, there may be insufficient infrastructure to serve the planned build-out of the Carmel Valley Master Plan. Would you agree to a reduction in the number of new subdivisions and other visitor accommodations units?" Further, 82% supported strengthened protection for agricultural land and open spaces in an updated Master Plan.

Do you want stoplights at Dorris Drive and Laureles Grade? Do you want the oak trees between Laureles Grade and the village removed? The Board of Supervisors has already approved Public Works plan but they the funding will have to be approved before work begins so pipe up now or live with the urbanization of Carmel Valley Road. The Board of Supervisors may think the 5th District, the unincorporated Carmel Valley in particular, is always complaining but it's their job to protect the interests of the rural community so let them know what you think.

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Fran Farina, former chair of the Carmel Valley Road Improvement Committee

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conference will provide civic, business and government leaders, investors, bankers and the public with a look at the shape of the region's economy for the coming year. The conference will be held Wednesday, January 20 from 8a.m. to 12:30 p.m.. Included in the forecast will be the outlook for Monterey County, interest rates, real estate, retail sales, tourism, employment, agriculture, construction, population and related subjects.

Ted Gibson, Chief Economist for the California Department of Finance will be the keynote speaker and discuss "Is There a Recession Looming?" Stephen Nukes will speak on "The Monterey County Outlook: Will the Boom Continue?"

For reservations call 1-800-549-7872.

Monterey County Bank Earns 4 Star Rating

FL Bauer Financial Reports, Inc., the nation's leading independent bank research firm, announced that Monterey County Bank has earned a 4-star excellent rating for the current reporting period.

"This is Monterey County Bank's 16th consecutive recommended rating and attests to its sound management, financial strength and stellar performance - factors that should not go unnoticed by the community Monterey County Bank serves," said Paul A. Bauer, president of the research firm. "Every study we conduct indicates that strong banks, like Monterey County Bank, provide a higher level of service and charge less in fees than their weaker competitors. That's a combination any consumer can appreciate," he added.

Monterey County Bank serves Monterey County and was established in 1976. To find the Bauer Financial rating of your bank call 1-800-388-6686.

F.O.O.D. Crops Funding Secured

"I'm just happy I was able to help get their truck repaired so they could continue their good work," said Senator Bruce McPherson in announcing that F.O.O.D. Crops of Salinas would receive funding to repair their most needed tool - their delivery truck.

F.O.O.D. Crops is a charity organization with a simple premise: When growers in the tri-county area of Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito have a surplus, they notify F.O.O.D. Crops, who collects the produce and distributes it to food banks, helping feed over 115,000 low-income people every month.

Last year, McPherson was able to secure over \$3,000 to repair the distribution truck and this year was able to secure \$2,500 from the Department of

Community Services and Development for body repairs, a starter, a battery and V-boards.

"It seems a shame to have people go hungry in one of the world's most rich agricultural area," said McPherson. "The organization tries to make sure that in this land of plenty, there is indeed plenty of food for everyone - it was really an honor to be able to help."

Big Sur Advisory Meeting

Fifth District Supervisor Dave Potter announced the next meeting of the Big Sur Multi-Agency Advisory Council.

The meeting, chaired by Congressman Sam Farr, will be held on Friday, January 15 at 10a.m. at the Big Sur Lodge Conference Center in Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park.

Topics to be discussed include an update on a proposal for limiting helicopter flying in the Big Sur area, the proposed Timber Harvest Plan for Mill Creek, outdoor lighting control, the proposed Hearst Ranch development in San Luis Obispo County and an update on Caltrans' Coast Highway Management Plan.

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Real Estate in THE SUN

Carol Jensen Root

Home Sales for the Week of December 13-19, 1998

CARMEL:

- Steven and Nancy Bareilles sold a property on 1st Avenue to Mark and Lisa Wan for \$807,500.
- Michael and Valerie Dennehy sold a property on 4th Avenue to Anthony and Erin Smith for \$365,500.
- Shreve Archer sold 3600 High Meadow Drive to Bonnie Archer for \$220,000.
- Gordon and Margaret Furze sold a property on San Carlos Street to Robert and Patricia Burgess for \$600,000.
- Ron Zicovich sold a property on Torres Street to Richard and Fay Welk for \$875,000.
- Robert Maikin sold 26305 Camino Real to John and Cathy Stannard for \$850,000.
- Christian Choate sold a property on Monte Verde Street to Raymond Rankin for \$520,000.

CARMEL VALLEY:

- Ruby Golden sold 34 Ford Road to James and Diann Cupples for \$268,000.
- Barbara Kramer sold 12 Buena Vista

Del Rio to Jana Bradford for \$249,500.

- John Wilde sold 13469 Middle Canyon Road to Jeffrey and Kaen Hookailo for \$469,000.

- Lyle Strauss sold 205 Hacienda Carmel to Beatrice Saso for \$239,000.

- Wilfred and Marnie Nubin sold a property on Calle De Los Agrinemo to Dawn Callahan for \$350,000.

- Kit and Donna Parker sold 22 Marquard Road to Robert and Lois Jensen for \$535,000.

- Salvatore Rombi sold 19425 Cachagua Road to Jeffrey and Dian Colon for \$240,000.

- Lloyd and Jeanette Swanson sold 5 Esquiline Road to David and Ingrid Murphy for \$180,000.

- James and Pamela Sheppard sold 7965 Carmel Valley Road to John and Dianne Bohlman for \$1,875,000.

PEBBLE BEACH:

- Gregory and Rebecca Beardsley sold 3134 Hermitage Road to Jeffrey and

Catherine Debalko for \$456,000.

- Miley Nakamura sold 1036 Lost Barranca to Robert Dixon for \$600,000.

- Cathryn Cohen sold 3059 Larkin Road to Eugene Rogers for \$490,000.

- Daniel and Cindy Marca sold 3048

Cormorant Road to Ronald and Jeryl

Abelmann for \$1,300,000.

MONTEREY:

- Joseph Grammatico sold 451 Dela Vina

Avenue to Eric Ellis for \$134,000.

- Edward and Delibera Leonard sold 1693

Withers Street to Lawrence and Jane

Samuels for \$350,000.

- Charles Schimmel sold 70 Forest Ridge

Road to Kathryn Johnson for \$350,000.

- Leo and Vivian Martinez sold 125 Surf Way #320 to Clark and Toshia Struve for \$219,000.

- Wilbert Eden sold 816 Jesse Street to

Ealea and Iris Maximous for \$305,000.

- Winan Winans sold 738 Alice Street to

Lauryn Jones for \$295,000.

- June Wells sold 1251 Pacific Street to

Martin and Rowan Wolnick for \$325,000.

PACIFIC GROVE:

- Marvin and Dorothy Elster sold 712

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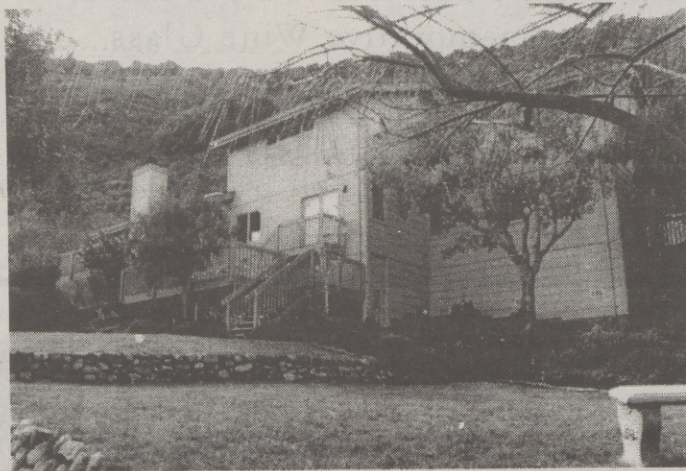
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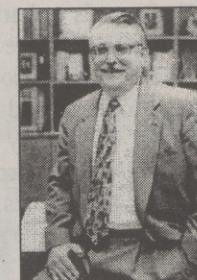
William & Marcia Liles

Since their wedding day in 1994 overlooking the Pacific, just off Ribera Road, Bill and Marcia Liles dreamed of buying a business and moving to the Monterey Peninsula from Texas. When they learned that Caffe & Company of Carmel, a wonderful coffeehouse in the Crossroads was available, they felt it would be ideal. Thanks to Monterey County Bank, the Liles are living the dream!!! Bill, a retired banker himself, says "I know banks and bankers all over the country, and Monterey County Bank and Charles Chrietberg rank right up there with the best of them."

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Count It Your Way

Let's forget about our potential Y2K problems for the moment and concentrate instead on the unexpected gift we've received from the primitive, learned gods of mathematics. This could be the year we do to the IRS what they've been doing to us these many years. That is to baffle, confuse and confound both their bevy of bean-counters and their less than perfect computers.

Are you sitting comfortably? Do you have your abacus, or other popularly accepted, ancient Chinese counting device handy? All right, let's get started. Take out the worksheet provided by your tax advisor, if you don't have a tax advisor call one and ask that a worksheet be faxed to you immediately.

The first box you must fill in is the year,

bantered about or even adjudicated. Think of what that might do to our reverence of Roman legacies.

Now that we have settled that question let us continue filling out your form. If hypothetically, you earned \$55,800 you put LVMVIIIIC on the income line provided. If your deductions total \$22,460 you subtract XXIIIMIVCXXXXXX. That will leave an adjusted gross income of \$33,340 or XXXIIIMIIICXXXX. Are you getting the hang of it? At XXX% of your adjusted gross your tax liability would be XMII. If you are an employee and receive a W-2 you probably had taxes deducted from your check all year. Hypothetical chances are good that you could get a refund of somewhere in the neighborhood of VIMVIIICXXXVIII, barring any information not available at the present time of course.

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which is 1999. So now you should write MDCCCCLXXXXVIII in the space provided. All right, admittedly that's the long version, but it has a distinct flair, don't you think? If it takes up too much space use MCMXCIX, or if you're one of those people who can't resist the shortest possible version you can use MIM. Be aware though that this utmost of shortcuts may not be accepted everywhere. If your tax return should find its way to an agent who is a purist he may not accept your abbreviation.

Before going any further, a few words about Roman numerals. Just in case you were under the mistaken impression that Roman numerals are not being used anymore, allow me to point out the error of that notion. Architects, Movie Producers, Olympic Officials, Kings and Popes, certain Newspapers and Super Bowl Families in which males pass their names to their sons all continue to use Roman numerals. Who can argue with a lofty roster like that? I would ask that you re-think your position, after all, if it's good enough for Kings and Popes, etc., etc.

The main problem is that the Romans and many other ancients were not consistent in how they used the subtraction principle. Therefore one must be quite scrupulous and absolutely accurate when filling out the income and deduction sections of the form. A one letter addition or omission could cause years of conflicting opinions to be

If you own your own business you can earn the undying gratitude of your tax collector, or at least have some fun by filling out your W-2s or 1099s in Roman numerals. Think of the sheer delight and satisfaction you will feel after completing these forms and passing them on to your employees or subcontractors. Be the first in your neighborhood to start this system and watch with glee as it gains momentum.

Wait a minute! I may just have solved the Y2K problem. If we all started using Roman numerals we certainly wouldn't have to wonder if the computer networks could recognize the year. The foregone conclusion would be that they would have to be reprogrammed anyway.

Think of all the new jobs in the electronic industry that could create. Hewlett Packard alone would have to run three shifts in all plants just to keep up with the immediate, unrelenting calculator demand. Along with Y2K we may have the answer to the unemployment problem as well.

The only potential downside I can see with this method is that if you are scheduled to get a refund on your tax return its quite probably that you won't see a check until the year MMII.

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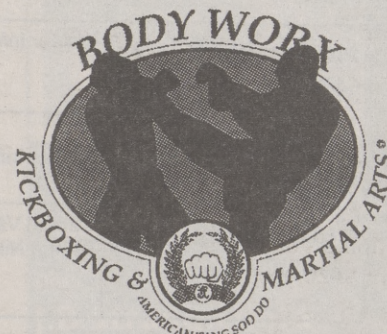
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Resting Well

Is It Time for A New Mattress?

by Brian Gingerich
Mattress Specialist

Beds wear out so gradually, you may not notice because your body constantly makes small adjustments daily. It takes sleeping in a good bed to recognize the difference. If you ache in the morning and can't stand to stay in bed, it's probably time for a new mattress.

A worn out mattress can seriously undermine efforts to stay in great health. Everything good you do for your body is negated by a bad bed. Exercise and proper diet can only do so much if your body is resting in a position without the proper support. Breathing and circulation is affected and you do not have the comfort that allows you to fall into a deep sleep.

Very simply, a mattress is a spring unit upholstered with layers of padding. A quality spring should give an average size adult a support life of ten years, yet padding generally will not last that long. What makes the difference is the quality of the padding.

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CANNERY ROW	Bluefin Billiards 375-7000	"Dizzy Burnett Quartet" 9pm-12am Free Swing lessons 8pm	"House of Cards" Santa Cruz classic rock 'n roll band 9pm-1am	"New Connection" Dance music from the 70's to the 90's 9pm-1am	Military Night - 1/2 off pool for all active military 7pm-close Football on big screen	Pint Night - Keep the glass on featured beer! 9-ball tourney 7:30pm	Closed for Private Party	Ladies Night 1/2 off pool for women 7pm-Close DJ Dance
	Doc's Nightclub 649-4241	"Cowboy Mouth" plus "The Uninvited"	"Box Set" plus "Government Grown"	"Tempest" CD Release Party!	Closed	Closed	Local Band Showcase with "DOA," "JB Stranglehold," "Mere," & "Fingerbang"	"Amazon Mollies"
	Planet Gemini 373-1449	Live comedy with Vinny Favorito & Joan Fagan 9pm	Live comedy with Vinny Favorito & Joan Fagan 9pm	Live comedy with Vinny Favorito & Joan Fagan 9pm	Super Combo: Oasis & Tropical 2000	Closed	Closed	Club La Buena "Clave Norenta" with Grupo Fuego 9pm
	Sly McFly's 649-8050	Call for information	"Terry Hiatt" 8:30pm No cover	"Terry Hiatt" 8:30pm No cover	Call for information	Call for information	Hot jazz jam with Joe Lucido 8:30pm-1am	Call for information
	Whitey's Place 646-8383	Open Mic with Gary Strothers 9pm	Rock 'n Reggae with "Robby & Danyel" 9:30pm	Gold Record Karaoke "Hall of Fame Night" 9pm	Open Mic with Gary Strothers 8pm-midnight	Game Night 6pm	Gold Record Karaoke 9pm	New - Video Golf Tournament 9pm
MONTEREY	Long Bar 372-2244	Call for information	DJ Dancing	DJ Dancing	Football	Call for information	Jager Night \$2.75 Jager shots	\$2.00 Domestic Drafts
	McGarrett's 646-9244	Call for Information	No Cover Until 11pm DJ Dancing	DJ Dance with DJ Joe & Joey the Juice 8pm	Salsa Night! 8pm	Male and Female Exotic dancers 8pm	Closed	Country Night with DJ Johnny Morgan 8pm
	Viva Monterey 646-1415	Call for Information	Video Dance	Video Dance	Video Dance	Songwriters Showcase with Rex Wheeler 8:30pm	Songwriters Showcase with Randy Baldwin 8:30pm	Video Dance
CV	Plaza Linda 659-4229	Carmel Valley's own "Storm Nilson" 6-8pm	Call for information	Casa de Jazz with the "Buddy Jones Trio" 6-9pm	Call for information	Call for information	Call for Information	TBA

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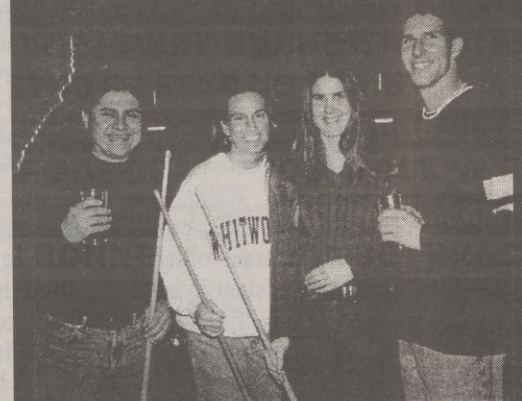
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Paparazz



Greg, Darryl and Spring at Lallapalooza.



Andy, Falina, Sandy and Ed on the way from Modesto enjoying some pool at BlueFin.

Around Town

with

MAC Talley

Every time I try to get out...they just keep pulling me back in! Let me start off by bidding farewell to the three spirits warehouse in Sand City; a lot of great bands played there between 1994 & 1997. Although their performance space is closing, three spirits are expanding to larger venues like the Monterey Fairgrounds for the yearly, infamous Erotic Art show on Feb. 13th (tentative music lineup includes **Foamscape** and **Fantasy**) and the Rock & Art Festival on May 8th. Stay tuned, artists and sculptors, your work is wanted!

Well, you'd hardly know it's January with all the intriguing shows coming this long MLK weekend. (Everybody sing: "One man comes in the name of love...") I'll try to cover everything, so if your band doesn't get the space you'd like, *please* start your own fanzine. I am sworn by the Senate to give balanced coverage to the fair and the foul.

Doc's Nightclub has six big shows this week! Thursday, the ever-popular **Uninvited** is back to play their frat-boy keg-rock with ironic lyrics. If you've loved them before, you'll love them again. **Torch 'N The Bones** opens with Carl Christ's powerful new band hopping from one style to another. Disco, ska, funk & lounge poured into a blender. Friday, **Box Set** headlines with a modern acoustic

pop-rock sound that has taken the Pacific Northwest by a storm. Imagine a less irritating Dave Matthews. **Box Set** are represented by our own Monterey Peninsula Artists and headline clubs like Slims when they're in San Francisco. **Government Groan** will open the night with that progressive rock for the 90's thing that they do. (Sounds Phishy to me.) **Tempest** rages into Doc's on Saturday. This is one of the great Celtic rock bands. Yes, I've seen them drive the audience



It's punk revival night with D.O.A. hitting Doc's this Tuesday night.

wild at Doc's in the past with their stomping guitars, mandolins and violins. If you saw them headline at First Night, then you won't want to miss their 10th anniversary and CD release party. They were getting jiggy back when Will Smith was just a lame sitcom star.

No rest for the weary. The pre-holiday Sunday at Doc's features **Juice**, with **Vera** opening. **Juice** will play songs from their 4 song CD with plenty of bluster and blisters, and they usually invite guest guitarists to jam on their last set. **Vera** (and then there were three) have stripped down to a trio, with singer Christina handling the bass chores. If you remember them specializing in long sprawling epics that sounded vaguely middle-eastern, their newer material is more concise, with pop hooks and yes, even some funk backbeats. **Vera** is less serious and easier to enjoy in a club setting now. California punk legends **D.O.A.** blast into Doc's on Tuesday for of all things, Local Band Night! I expected to hear speed riffs and nonsensical lyrics on their new CD, but they play slow, mid-tempo and fast. Imagine an American **Midnight Oil** with lyrics that are intelligent and political. **Death To The Multinationals** should be sung in every school! Don't forget, **mazon Mollies** headline Doc's on Wednesday. The female trio has finished their CD, including **Virtual Love**: a tribute to 60's girl groups with decidedly modern lyrics. (Hey, if you haven't rented **Grace Of My Heart** yet, see it soon!) Other songs like **Tina** and **Promised Land** will be featured at this show as well as on their CD. So join Antonette, Samantha and Julie, and don't miss their fourth member, a kind of silent mascot. The Mollies will play

showcases in Los Angeles and San Francisco on January 27th and 28th.

Bluefin Billiards has three shows this weekend, but let me first say that **All Day Wire** who played at the end of December were one of the coolest bands ever booked at Bluefin. Between the female singers and the insane bassist, they had a stage presence that put ninety percent of our local groups to shame. It was great to see musicians having a load of fun on stage for a change. Rumor has it that they will return soon; make sure and see them when they do! Anyway, **Dizzy Burnette** swings on Thursday, with free dance lessons at 8pm. The Santa Cruz band **House Of Cards** makes their Bluefin debut on Friday. The quartet, led by female singer Robin, plays a wide variety of covers by acts like Etta James, Aretha Franklin, Fleetwood Mac and the Wallflowers. They claim to be one of the most popular cover bands in Santa Cruz. **New Connection** returns to Bluefin on Saturday. (Thankfully, they've ditched the former dumb spelling of their name.) This house band at Moss Landing Inn has a very large and loyal following in the Castroville-Salinas area, so don't be wearing your new Air-Jordans, Vato! But seriously, the quintet plays dance music from the 70's and 80's, and lead singer Tracy Avila was a former backup singer for Tower of Power. Music begins at 9pm with no cover.

Proving that P.G. can rock, Whitey's Place has Open Mic with **Gary Strothers** every Thursday. Big Sur residents **Robby & Danyel** from **Unshakeable Race** will hold the fort at Whitey's on Friday night with a mystery drummer and their blend of message-oriented groove music. Jeff White informed me that the **Gold Record Karaoke** on Saturday is turning into a big fun event. It starts at 9pm, so bring your golden throat and some Dutch courage. Open Mic returns on Sunday night for wandering minstrels.

Blues alert! **Red Beans & Rice** play **Borders** in Sand City at 7:30 on Friday night. Can this popular local band turn a fluorescent-lit, giant bookstore with no stage into a sweaty blues club for-a night?

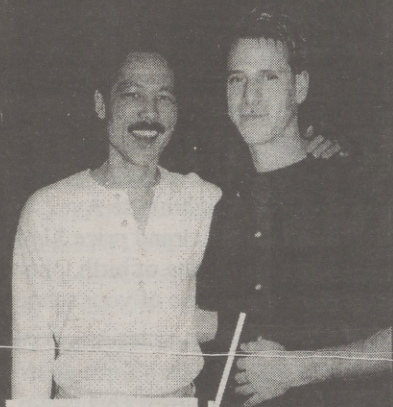
At Sly McFly's, the tradition of blues-oriented weekends continues with the return of the ever-returning **Terry Hiatt** on Friday and Saturday. According to my grizzled older friends, Hiatt has chops to burn, but is no mere showboating guitar wanker. You won't lose any money finding out if those stories are true.

Planet Gemini has live comedy with **Vinny Favorito** and **Joan Fagan** from Thurs. through Sat. at 9pm. McGarrett's and Long Bar have DJ Dancing this weekend, while Viva's has Video Dancing. Don't forget the popular Open Mic at Juice & Java in P.G. featuring the ham of all sandwiches: Rama P. Jama. Plaza Linda in Carmel Valley has **Storm Nilson** on Thursday and the **Buddy Jones Trio** on Saturday. Well worth the trip. Oh yeah, Divine (dopety-dope) Finis informed me that After Dark club will be closing soon.

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calendar

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Jan 14

Carmel Unified School Board of Education Meeting. Starts at 7pm at Carmel Valley High School, 27335 Schulte Road.

Exploring needs for seniors in the Carmel Valley Area. Come join us for an open discussion at 10:30am at the Carmel Valley Community Youth Center, 25 Ford Road. Looking for... companionship, entertainment, education, fun & discuss ideas. Share a skill... music, computers, art, & more. Information: 659-3983 (leave a message & your call will be returned).

Thursday - Sunday

Jan 14-17

Unicorn Theatre's Main Stage Season 1999 opens with *The Lion In Winter*.

Lion is a period account of a Christmas meeting between the Kings of England & France in the winter of 1183. Steeped in historic richness, the play is comic, yet poignant. Tickets: \$15-\$12. Showtimes: Thurs. - Sat. 8pm & Sun. 7pm. Unicorn is located at 320 Hoffman Ave. at Lighthouse in Monterey. Information: 649-0259.

Every Thursday through Sunday, from 7 to 11pm, a mellow jazz trio is featured in the Lobby Lounge at the **Inn at Spanish Bay**. There is no charge for the music & valet parking is complimentary. This weekend enjoy the **Weber Iago Trio** featuring **Ali Ryerson** on flute. Ali is a classically trained flutist, from the East Coast, who has made the transition from classical to jazz.

Friday - Sunday

Jan 15-17

Pacific Repertory Theatre's production of the off-Broadway musical hit, *Forever Plaid*, will play at the historic Golden Bough Theatre in Carmel. Brought back by popular demand, the internationally famous *Forever Plaid* presents a rollicking evening of nostalgia mixed with contemporary humor & songs. Tickets \$20-\$15. Showtimes: Fri. & Sat. 7:30pm & Sun. at 2pm. For advance tickets & information: 622-0100.

The SPCA of Monterey County will have companion animals available for adoption at the following locations: Friday at **Petco** at the **Crossroads Shopping Center** from noon to 4pm, every Saturday at **PetsMart** at the **Edgewater Shopping Center** in Sand City from 11am to 3pm, & Sunday at **Pet Fun** at **Harden Ranch** in Salinas from 11am to 3pm. Most of the animals have been spayed or neutered & have had shots, so they will be ready to go home that day. Information: 373-2631 or 422-4721, ext. 233 or 234.

Saturday

Jan 16

Monterey's Self-Help Group for Multiple Sclerosis, an affiliate of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society of Northern California, will meet every third Saturday for anyone with MS & S/O. The meetings will take place at the **First National Bank Community Room** in Monterey. Call for time. Contact Richard or Karen at 899-5436.

The Jazz Store in Carmel presents **W&J Graham's Port Jazz Series**. This Saturday hear the **Don Pender Quartet**. Pender is a musician who plays flute, clarinet, not to mention piano & vibes. Standard admission is \$25 per person (some concert admissions are higher). Students (under 18) ½ price. Reservations: 624-6432.

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Ensemble Monterey performs "Romances for Winds" at the **MPC Music Hall** at 8pm. Tickets at \$12-\$15 available at Bookmark, Bay Books, the Thunderbird, & the door. Information: 372-4523.

Monday

Jan 18

Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee presents the 10th Annual "A Village Affair" from 5:30 to 8:30pm at The Roy Woods Building in the heart of Carmel Valley Village. Tickets are \$25 each & include gourmet food & wine tasting, live & silent auctions & a souvenir wine glass. Information: 626-2900 or 659-5099.

Ken White, mayor of Carmel, will talk to the **Carmel Woman's Club** on Monday, Jan. 18th at 2pm, at the Clubhouse on 9th & San Carlos. Mr. White's topic is "Carmel Today and In the Future." He will discuss various issues of interest in Carmel & answer questions. Refreshments following. Nonmembers \$3. Information: 659-5027.

Tuesday

Jan 19

Ikebana International of Monterey Bay will host a program presented by **Soho Sakai**, renowned Ikebana teacher in the San Francisco bay area on Tues. at the **Pebble Beach Community Services**

District Room at 1pm. There will be a \$10 guest fee. Reservations: 373-4691 or 373-7660. Membership is open to the public. Annual membership dues are \$55.

Wednesday

Jan 20

Is Monterey County heading for a Recession? Whether the many forces buffeting the global & national economics will cause a slowdown locally will be addressed Wed. at the **Monterey County Economic Forecast**. **Ted Gibson**, Chief Economist for the State of California will head a panel of experts in discussing the full range of issues that the County will be facing in the year ahead. Conference runs from 8am to 12:30pm at the **Inn at Spanish Bay**. Information: 805-541-2077.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21ST - A **Dale Carnegie Training** workshop titled, "Where Does All the Time Go? - a Time Management Workshop" will be held at the **McCormick & Co Training Facility**, 1311 Schilling Place, Salinas. Time: 6pm & 9pm. The speaker is **Gail Turner**. Cost of the workshop is \$55 per participant & reservations are required. Call: 378-5244.

Carmel High School Dance Company will be hosting their annual winter dance concert at **Sunset Center** on Thursday at 7:30pm. Joining Carmel High School dancers will be dancers from **Carmel Middle School, Pacific Grove High School, & Santa Catalina**. Please come join in the fun & support the arts through our local schools. Donation at the door \$3 students/seniors & \$5 adults.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23RD - **Native Plant Restoration** near Carmel/PG&E utility lines (Aguaquito Rd./HWY 68 exit to Pacific Grove) 9:30am to 3:30pm. Planting organized by **Paola Berthoin** in conjunction with project **RisingLeaf**. The purpose is to move beyond the dismay/anger expressed by the public & to extend a gesture of goodwill between the community & PG&E. More information contact Paola at 624-9467.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, JANUARY 23RD & 24TH - **Postures & Movements for Energy - Self-Healing Qigong Practices from Traditional Chinese Medicine** with Medical Qigong Master, **Dr. Bingkun Hu** Sat. & Sun. from 9am to 5pm at the **Land of Medicine Buddha, Soquel**. Wonderfully simple & profoundly effective ways to change energy. Learn why & how they work! Includes instruction in the medical benefits of different energy flows, & practices to do at home. Cost \$150. Some discounts. Information: 462-8383.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6 & 7TH - **AIDS Project** needs volunteers to do **Community Health Outreach Work (CHOW)**. Help people at risk of transmission learn about HIV prevention while earning college credits & having an intense but rewarding experience. Training Sat. & Sun. open to public, food is provided. More information call David or Jen at 831-772-8200.

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

Girl Scout Cookies For Sale! This is the 63rd anniversary of the **Girl Scout Cookie Sale**. Cookie sales run from January 15th through March 21st. Girls will start taking pre-orders Jan. 15th. Girls will start delivering cookies Feb. 27th. There are two new cookies this year - Lemon drops & Apple Cinnamon! Information: Girl Scouts of Monterey Bay at 800-624-4757.

The American Cancer Society is seeking people who can give four hours a week to **Helpline**, a resource program for cancer patients, their families, & community members. Volunteers provide information & referrals, coordinate patient services, & offer emotional support. A brief pre-training interview is required. Training will be held on Thursday, Jan. 28th from 1 to 5pm. To schedule an interview or for further information call 372-4521.

Victory Press is sponsoring *The Spirit of Mulan Essay Contest* for youths aged 7 to 15. Those entering are asked to write a 100 to 500 word essay on the subject of "The Spirit of Mu Lan." Essays must be handwritten (Typed work will be disqualified). Deadline is Jan. 18th. For suggested essay topics send SASE to: Victory Press, 543 Lighthouse Ave., Monterey CA 93940. Grand prize \$100. Submit essay, name, date of birth, phone number, address & name of your school.

The Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is in the process of forming a "Trails Working Group." This group, comprised of interested members of the public, will meet regularly & assist the District staff in reviewing agency trails related issues & concerns. Anyone wishing further information &/or interested in participating in the "Trails Working Group" is encouraged to contact District Manager, **Joseph Donofrio** at 659-4488.

Over Thirties Ballet Club - It's not too late to learn ballet! Ballet can offer a complete workout. You will learn correct body alignment & attain greater flexibility. The club meets now twice a week. For more information and times contact the **Classical Ballet School**: 655-5598.

On the FOOD Front

BY DON BOWEN

Don visits The Grill On Ocean Avenue

There used to be a time when local Carmel people wouldn't be caught dead in a restaurant on Ocean Avenue. That is until The Grill on Ocean Avenue came along four years ago. Under the guidance of Tony Salameh (Anton & Michel fame), this establishment has become not only a popular restaurant with the visiting tourist because of its location on the Avenue, but it is also very popular with the locals... and I know when I visit the Grill I most always see three or four locals that I know.

When we first arrived in Carmel in 1981 this location was the Butcher Shop Block and operated as a casual steak house and bar. I suspect it was doing very well again because of its great location but the story I heard was that owner Ted Balestreri of Sardine Factory fame visited Italy and had dinner at the restaurant that created Fettuccini Alfredo and they served it on gold plates with a gold fork. He was so impressed that he came back, shut down the Butcher Block, and spent a small fortune redoing it as a formal dining house and he renamed it the Gold Fork. Elegance on Ocean Avenue turned out not to be the best way to

go so he sold it to a Japanese gentleman from Tokyo who brought over his French trained chef from Maxim's in Tokyo and renamed it Q Point - which I understand was the name of his very large advertising agency in Japan that made all his money for him.

Under an absentee ownership situation, and in a style that again wasn't suited for Ocean Avenue, the restaurant floundered and was eventually sold to a local group who changed it to what it is today casual fine dining and it has become one of the most popular restaurants in Carmel.

If ambiance means anything The Grill is one of the most appealing restaurants in town with its peaked roof cottage style front and the charming rounded windows that are ivy covered and beckon you in. I have watched people who haven't dined there peek into the window and see the blazing Carmel stone fireplace and beam ceilings... and then whisper to each other and stroll in.

The interior is not large, what with only 65 seats, but what is there is done in a very intimate and charming manner with just a dash of New York sophistication with its banquet seating along the wall. Blazing redhead Ashley Edwards manages the front while Chef Saul Romero takes good care of the kitchen.

One of my favorites is Prawns Tempura Salad which is a meal in itself for \$11.75. The Oriental Chicken Salad served only at lunch for \$9.75 is excellent and the finest on the Peninsula! The Vegetarian Pasta is a must on the dinner menu with egg linguine with enoki, shi-take and oyster mushrooms, zucchini, red bell peppers and soy sake sauce topped with kaiware sprouts. If you detect a slight Asian flavor here you are right! Many of these recipes were origi-

nated by Max the original Japanese Chef from Maxim's in Paris and Tokyo who stayed with the restaurant when it was sold and is now the head chef at Anton & Michel in Carmel.

Another favorite of mine is the Ahi Tuna with ginger, cracked black pepper and kaiware over red onions, tomato and fresh basil compote in a warm soy-balsamic sauce for \$21.75 on the dinner menu.

Also if you have been wondering what ever happened to veal chops, The Grill serves a spectacular one which is nice and thick for \$23.75. If you are into desserts, forget your diet and try their Red Apple Strudel with vanilla ice cream and chocolate sauce which is a real treat. Then the next time you are there you can try their Crème Brulee. It's one of the finest in the area!

(The Grill on Ocean Avenue is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner and is on Ocean Avenue between Dolores and Lincoln on the north side of Ocean Avenue. Reservations 624-2569).

Don Bowen owns Carmel Business Sales, Inc. and spends a good part of his life in area restaurants because he brokers most of the restaurant sales in the area. He can be reached at 625-5581.



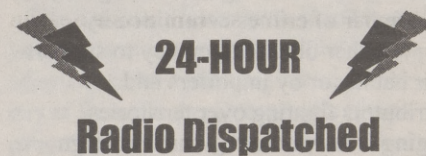
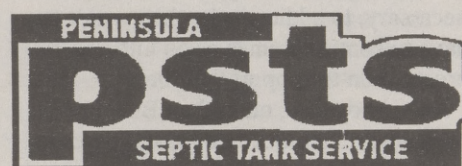
Manager Ashley Edwards and owner Tony Salameh at The Grill.

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OPINION

What's Next?

Mel Vercoe

The new Governor of Minnesota, a retired professional wrestler, has shown interest in running for the President job. I think he'd have a good chance of winning, because, with his background, he wouldn't be afraid to tackle issues that typical politicians wouldn't touch with a ten foot pole. One such issue is our ever-worsening hard drug problem.

The standard, and only politically acceptable solution, is what I call the Rambo solution. I don't know if anybody else dares to call it that. Anyway, it is definitely not reducing either drug use, or the number of crimes committed by people either obtaining money to support their habits, or by importers and distributors fighting over territories, ranging from whole regions in foreign countries, down to which street gangs have the "rights" to which streets here in our "once peaceful" America.

Furnishings warships and aircraft and money to foreign nations, hoping they will

help us shut off the drug supply, and going "all out" policing our streets, (the Rambo solution), is not only not working, it is making the problem steadily worse, with over seventy percent of our prison population serving time because of drug-related crimes.

Now, let's say that Gov. Ventura of Minnesota could get together with William Buckley, Former San Jose Police Chief McNamara, and former Sec. of State George Schultz, to convince our not-very-alert Congress of the fact that we could have less crime, and save our taxpayers billions of dollars per year, by just making these drugs available, free, if necessary, to addicts, who then won't have to commit crimes or go into prostitution to support their habits.

If anybody else, other than Buckley, McNamara, Schultz, and myself dares to talk about such a radical, un-American solution for this problem, I haven't heard of them. Maybe we are alone. Anyway, I'll write to Gov. Ventura about it.

Dorothy Zoe Draper

Les Docteurs

Let us consider Doctors. A great many of them are male. Aggressive, arrogant, superior, EGOTISTIC, greedy, surly, in a hurry to get to the golf course. Moliere wrote the definitive definition: "Le Medicin malgre lui." A Dr. in spite of himself.

Drs. are callous, not only about their patients, but about the innocent animals they order tortured for some stupid idea in their tortured brains. 99.99% of their grisly experiments are worthless. For years I have been suggesting that these Drs. experiment on each other.

Greed is the main drive of the medical profession. That and its desire to keep their chums, the pill industry, going.

Where are the old fashioned Drs. who came to the house when needed and had a true affection for the family?

Now, we have to go to them and pay them for our trouble. I recently went to a female Dr. hoping for a bit more gentleness. She couldn't find the cause of my complaint, so of course, produced a pill. "I don't take poison. The only difference between a pill and poison is poison is stronger." With reluctance I swallowed Pronton. It rendered me unconscious for 12 hours; when I came to I was hallucinating and thought I was a man in a gym and was frantically searching shelves for a pair of white shorts. When I realized I was in my own

house I was frightened, and threw the expensive bottle of pills away. The Drug Industry sees to it that you can't buy 1 pill and try it; you are forced to buy a whole bottle.

Why didn't the Dr. explain the side effects of this dangerous drug?

Drs. have their secretaries call you to visit them. "What for?" "Dr. needs to speak to you." You go, you wait, Dr. says "Good morning, how are you?" you leave. The bill will be \$50.00 or \$60.00. I call this stealing. Why not just ask for money?

A playful psychiatrist gave me a pill that made me shake for three days. It also affected my speech. I could only make noises of protest. He made me stay on it for three days. Did I mention arrogance? Once when I was paying \$1,000.00 a day for special treatment, I was used as a guinea pig for the drug industry. The Drs. and psychiatrists are purveyors of these poisons.

Most people are giving up on Drs. and western medicine. We need the kind of help that relieves pain, keeps us alive and feeling wonderful, enjoying the pleasure of existing in this wonderful world. A bit of acupuncture.

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Remember Louis XIV? Drs. killed almost his entire family.

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Maybe Today...

My relationship with our SPCA has been a long and loving one. I count some of the people there as my dearest and most dependable friends.

I quote here from the letter in For the Animals, the SPCA's monthly newsletter, by the editor, Ronni Sweet. She tells of the SPCA's PetFest, where dogs and cats available for adoption are brought on stage, one at a time, the handlers explaining each one's breeding, background, special needs, and special gifts.

"The animals up for adoption were charming - boisterously playful or quiet and cuddly according to their individual temperaments. They were ready and willing to give their love to anyone who showed them a kindness... ready to devote their lives to that special someone who would offer them a loving home.

The sudden catch in my heart came from my realization that no creature should have to plead for the simple necessity of a home. I saw how the handlers held on to the end of a leash with

love and compassion, how they knew they were holding a slender thread of rescue for an animal dangling over a dangerous precipice. They knew the forces of time, space, and money would limit how long they could hold on to that leash before the animal fell victim to the

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fate of millions of others left homeless because of overbreeding and abandonment.

Executive Director Dr. Stockner perfectly exemplified the attitude SPCA staff bring to work when she asked the spectators to 'go to each animal who has come here, look into his eyes, and encourage him by telling him, 'Maybe today's going to be the day.'

Every day SPCA staff and volunteers enter a workplace where the number of animal surrenders and abandoned strays always exceeds the number of happy

adoptions. Every day they provide a safe haven of care for every animal that comes through their doors. Every day they encourage the animals, 'Maybe today is going to be the day.'

When we adopted Bobo from the SPCA the young woman who brought him out to the car stood there with the tears streaming down her face, saying 'This is what makes it all worth while.'

"The new SPCA motto, 'Imagine a world without animals... we can't' evokes (says the newsletter) our heart-

is seen it will remind all of us to honor each other, and the marvelous creatures with which we share our planet."

The SPCA has started a new program, "Foster Friends," in an effort to reduce, and, hopefully, eliminate the killing of adoptable animals in Monterey County.

If you would like to help care for an animal, and work with the SPCA to find it a living, permanent home, call the SPCA's Customer Service Department 831-373-2631 and ask for Extension 234. An estimated 2,500 adoptable animals are euthanized each year because there is not enough space for them, or they need extra time and care before they are adoptable.

But if 200 animals are taken in each month by foster friends helping to find them homes, this number could be reduced to zero!

Maybe today...!

SPCA Offers Offsite Adoptions

The SPCA of Monterey County will have companion animals available for adoption at the following locations: Friday at Petco at the Crossroads Shopping Center from noon to 4pm and every Saturday at PetsMart at the Edgewater Shopping Center in Sand City from 11am to 3pm. Most of the animals have been spayed or neutered & have had shots, so they will be ready to go home that day. Information: 373-2631 or 422-4721, ext. 233 or 234.

felt belief in the inestimable value of animals as friends, teachers, and healers as well as sources of beauty, wisdom, and inspiration. Our world is immeasurably enriched and balanced by their presence. The motto is also reminiscent of the warning in Rachel Carson's Silent Spring: what happens in animal populations foreshadows trends for our own species. Again and again, it has been shown that lack of empathy for, and cruelty and neglect of animals is a societal indicator of the way we will treat human beings.

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VALLEY COMMUNITY River Ramblings

Joseph Hertlein

Alternative to Incorporation

In my column December 17th I stated it was unlikely the Valley could incorporate. There is a tremendous cost just to study the feasibility of it, estimated by one consultant at \$250,000 initially and up to \$1 million, eventually. Then there would be additional costs to set up the new city and additional taxes annually to provided city services. The Valley is just too big and spread out to justify incorporation; and there is not enough tax base to support it.

If what people are upset about is that they feel we do not have enough control over the Valley's destiny, in particular its land use, there are other alternatives to incorporation. Here is one alternative, with three steps.

First, the Valley needs to agree on what they want the future to be. Do we want growth, some growth, or no growth? What kind of growth would we want, residential, commercial, wineries, agricultural, more golf courses and/or lodging? Do we want the road to remain two lanes as it is; do we want a third, designated turn lane; or do we want four lanes? Do we want more traffic signals installed?

Second, people need to accept majority rule. Answering the growth questions above and many others must be accomplished through a community consensus that is based on an informed understanding of facts, not rhetoric. As a result of polls taken by the Road Improvement Committee a few years ago and the Carmel Valley Property Owner's Association recently as part of the Carmel Valley Master Plan Update, these questions have been somewhat answered.

However, there is always someone who feels that these survey results only reflect the opinion of a minority in the Valley. Regardless of which group is for or against a project, there appears to be an equal number taking an opposing viewpoint. There is a constant pull and tug of opinions. People in the Valley must speak with a united voice if we are to have control over land use, water issues, traffic and other issues. This is true whether we are incorporated or not.

One way to achieve impartial community-wide input is to have representatives from various groups formulate a comprehensive community survey; and then arrange with the Monterey County Elections Department to mail the surveys to every registered voter in the Valley. Surveys would be mailed back to the Elections Department who would be paid to tabulate the responses.

It could cost \$10,000 to accomplish such a survey. However, it is something that would have to be done anyway if

incorporation were to be considered. The issue of incorporation can be one of the questions in the survey.

Third, people in the Valley need to become active about defending the interests of the Valley. We can't just react to proposals and issues that arise. We need to be proactive in a way that ensures that County agencies are not going to propose anything without checking with designated groups in the Valley first.

How many Valley people regularly attend the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisor's meetings? How many have developed working relationships with key government officials whose decisions and actions effect the Valley, like those in Public Works who want to add traffic signals and cut down oak trees?

If the Valley were a City, we would have to be even more involved in issues that effect us. Incorporation is no panacea. It would take a lot of citizen input to achieve and maintain. Let's invest a portion of that citizen input required to affect the future of the Valley, now. Contact our 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter; attend Supervisor's and Planning Commission meetings; let's voice our opinions.

Who should plan the future of Carmel Valley, the bureaucrats in the Planning & Public Works departments and the developer's attorneys, or the people of Carmel Valley? It's our choice. If we sit on our hands, someone else will do it for us. Let's wave them high and take control of the process.

Community Chapel to Welcome New Minister

The Carmel Valley Community Chapel at Paso Hondo and Village Drive will welcome its new minister the Rev. Rick Yramategui at their 10:30am church service this Sunday, January 17th. Following the service there will be an informal potluck lunch of salads and deserts. All interested community residents are invited to attend.

Rev. Yramategui was ordained in the United Church of Christ in 1988 after receiving a Masters of Divinity degree. For the past five years he served as minister of Faith United Church of Christ in Iowa City, Iowa. Rev. Yramategui grew up in Southern California and currently has family living in Los Altos. He is excited about the opportunity of returning to his native state. Besides the ministry, Rev. Yramategui is also an accomplished musician.

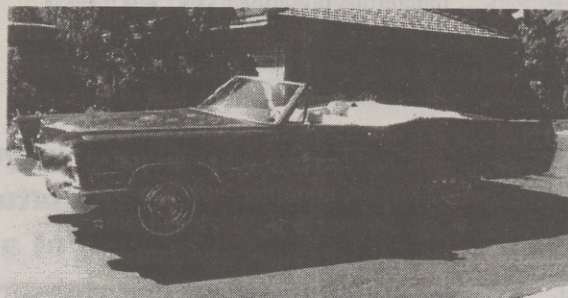
The Community Chapel is a non-denominational Christian Church that appreciates the truth expressed in all religions. Guided by conscience, scripture and the Holy Spirit, the Church

celebrates the spiritual journey of each individual. The congregation welcomes visitors, particularly this Sunday in welcoming its new minister.

10th Annual Village Affair

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In response to Mr. Woods' great offer to use his building, business leaders and community members have made an extra generous outpouring of donations for the silent and live Auction. The value of items donated for the silent Auction is more than \$18,000. There are lots of wonderful items.

The list of live Auction items cannot be beat. Here are just a few of them. A four-night trip with air-faire to New Orleans staying in the French Quarter. A variety of ski packages to Breckenridge, Copper

Mountain, Keystone & Vail, Colorado, including air-faire, free shuttle service to lodges and lift tickets. Roy and Penny Woods will fly you in their private plane to Sedona, Arizona and a stay at the deluxe Los Abrigados Resort. A 1-week Hawaiian trip for two. A great package to stay at and enjoy the local Stonepine Resort.

Joullian Vineyards has donated a 6 litter 1966 bottle of Cabernet Reserve in a gold etched bottle. Joullian owner Ridge Watson and John Saunders have teamed up to offer a barbecue and barrel tasting party for ten. I'd recommend bidding on both of these items and having a really nice party. There is also a Hand-made rocking horse that is sure to be a popular bid item with anyone who has a young child or grandchild.

In addition there will be a number of special dinners for eight to be auctioned off. There will also be a marvelous catered luncheon and gallery tour offered at famed western artist Jack Swanson's studio. Head caterer for this lunch will be Leslie Voss, Co Chair of this year's Village Affair. The other co-chair extraordinair is Joan Vandervort. These two ladies are doing a fantastic job of organizing the best ever Village Affair. With special thanks to Roy Woods for making his building available, it will be a special night to remember. Come and enjoy!

Don't forget to also buy your raffle ticket for BIG RED! Just \$25 each and you could be guaranteed a place in the annual Fiesta Parade to showcase this beautiful, mint-conditioned 1968 Cadillac Deville.

COPS



December 18

Carmel Valley: Police responded with fire and ambulance to a vehicle accident on Lupin Lane. A woman drove off the road and ended up pinned in between a retaining wall and a carport. She was found to be under the influence and later taken into custody by CHP. Carmel: Woman reported unauthorized charges to her Visa card. She was unable to provide any suspect information at this time.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported seeing two unidentified males in her front yard. They knocked on the front door then fled in an unknown direction.

Carmel Valley: Five juveniles helped themselves to two golf carts and began to play golf without paying. The management objected and had all of them cited for theft (of services).

December 19

Pebble Beach: A PG&E truck caught fire in the driveway of a residence in Pebble Beach and destroyed the truck and part of two fences.

December 20:

Carmel: Man reported losing his cellular phone at the Quail Lodge Golf Course on 12/15/98.

December 21

Carmel: Five juveniles were found driving a golf cart through the golf course at Quail Lodge.

Pebble Beach: Individual and Pebble Beach Security reported multiple juveniles were driving around Pebble Beach vandalizing mailboxes and vehicles.

Carmel Valley: A white female juvenile ran away from home. While I was taking the report she called home and was later picked up at a friend's house.

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